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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON SISMIK'S WHEREABOUTS

1. APRIL 22 HURRIYET, IN AN ITEM OF ONE SHORT PARAGRAPH
ON PAGE 3 DATELINED ATHENS, REPORTED THAT TURKISH SEISMIC
SURVEY SHIP SISMIK WAS CONDUCTING SEISMIC RESEARCH IN
INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF AEGEAN SOUTH OF DOMOTINI, GREECE.
ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT GREEK PETROLEUM ENGINEERS STATED
VESSEL WAS CLOSE TO ISLAND OF THASSOS AND HAD "ATTRACTED GREAT
ATTENTION".

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WM BY CONTRAST, APRIL 22 ISTANBUL NEWSPAPER AYRINTILI
HABER REPORTED THAT SISMIK HAS BEEN SENT TO GOLCUK SHIPYARDS
FOR "FURTHER UPKEEP".

3. MFA AEGEAN/LOS AFFAIRS CHIEF TURMEN TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 22
THAT "HE DID NOT BELIEVE" SISMIK WAS IN THE AEGEAN OFF
GREEK THRACE, BUT IF IT WERE: (A) IT WOULD HAVE ATTRACTED

A GREAT DEAL OF NOTICE SINCE THERE WERE ALWAYS GREEK PATROL VESSELS IN THE AREA, (B) IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE CONDUCTING SEISMIC WORK.

4. CONGEN ISTANBUL CONFIRMS THAT SISI MIK NO LONGER BERTHED IN ISTINYE SHIPYARD. ALUSNA SOURCES REPORT THAT SISI MIK HAS BEEN OPERATING IN MARMARA SEA AREA RECENTLY (PERHAPS FOR TRIAL RUN) AND DEPARTED WINTER-LONG BERTH AT ISTINYE TWO WEEKS AGO. ALUSNA ALSO NOTES THAT NO RPT NO NOTICE TO MARINERS HAS BEEN ISSUED ANNOUNCING THAT SISI MIK WOULD BE CONDUCTING SEISMIC SURVEYS. (NOTE: ALL PREVIOUS SEISMIC EXPLORATIONS OF SISI MIK HAVE BEEN PRECEDED BY THE INTERNATIONALLY REQUIRED ISSUANCE OF NOTICES TO MARINERS.)

5. COMMENT: PREVIOUS ASSURANCES FROM MFA ARE THAT SISI MIK'S ACTIVITIES IN AEGEAN WILL BE RESTRICTED TO TERRITORIAL WATERS. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONTINUING TO CHECK WITH OTHER USG RESOURCES TO OBTAIN MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION.
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